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NOTICES AND REPORTS

A.M.A. President-Elect



John W. Cline is the new President-elect of the American Medical Association. By its action on Thursday, June 29, the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association honored California and San Francisco by electing to its highest office the second Californian to be so honored. In 1923 Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur became the first Californian to be placed at the helm of the American Medical Association. Like his distinguished and respected predecessor, Dr. Cline in his contributions to American medicine has shown himself to be eminently qualified for the high position to which he was elected.

It is most difficult to properly appraise the value of John Cline's services to California and American medicine. It is impossible to imagine what the position of American medicine would be today had we not had his leadership and counsel.

Born in Sonoma County, California, the son of a

practicing physician, he attended public schools in California and received an A.B. degree at the University of California in 1921. His medical training was at Harvard University where he obtained his M.D. in 1925. Following an internship in the Faulkner Hospital, he became house officer at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for two years and then resident surgeon at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, in 1927-1929. Since that time he has practiced surgery in San Francisco. Dr. Cline's contributions to the surgical literature have been numerous and his professional attainments have been such as to place him in the top rank of San Francisco surgeons. He is associate clinical professor of surgery at Stanford University School of Medicine, assisting visiting surgeon at San Francisco Hospital, associate surgeon at Children's Hospital, and a member of the board of directors of St. Francis Hospital. His professional attainments have been recognized by a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, membership in the San Francisco Surgical Society, the Pacific Coast Surgical Association, and other scientific organizations, to all of which he has contributed much of his abilities.

Early in Dr. Cline's career his capacity for leadership was given recognition in his election as student body president at the University of California. His colleagues in the field of medicine have recognized his ability in organizational work and his sound judgment by electing him to the board of directors and later to the presidency of the San Francisco County Medical Society, to membership on the Council of the California Medical Association, and to the presidency of the association during the year 1947. Those who have had the privilege of working with him in the field of organized medicine know well his organizational and executive ability. It has been during the period of his leadership that the California Medical Association has become a well-knit, militant organization able to combat all efforts to promote state medicine over the past few years.

Dr. Cline was elected a delegate from the California Medical Association to the American Medical Association in 1945. His remarkable ability is further reflected in the place of eminence which the California delegation now occupies in the House of

Delegates of the American Medical Association. While he was chairman of the California delegation the process of alerting the American Medical Association to the dangers of government compulsory medicine began. From the first early and feeble attempts to put new life into the Board of Trustees and House of Delegates, to the emergency presented by the unexpected election results of 1948, John Cline has been the moving spirit and the guiding hand which enabled the California delegation to offer to the American Medical Association a tested and effective plan to combat socialized medicine.

His appointment in 1948 as a member of the newly organized Coordinating Committee of the A.M.A. was followed promptly by establishment of the National Education Campaign of the association. On a national scale this campaign has been a most effective one in furthering voluntary health insurance, in improving the public relations of the American Medical Association, and in thwarting those who advocate socialization of medicine.

Because of his statesmanlike conduct as a member of the House of Delegates and of the Coordinating Committee of the American Medical Association he has gained the respect and admiration of these groups as well as of the Board of Trustees. His great and outstanding ability as a leader of American medicine has now been further recognized by the House of Delegates which has honored him by awarding the highest accolade in its power to bestow.

The California delegation loses its highly respected leader, but the American Medical Association has gained a leader who is preeminently fitted to guide the ship of medicine through the stormy course before it. We of California are honored by the selection of John Cline as President-elect of the American Medical Association, and that great organization is to be congratulated on garnering the finest talent of California, or any other state for that matter, for leadership of American medicine.

Council Meeting Minutes

369th Meeting

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 369th Meeting of the Council, Hotel Del Coronado, Coronado, April 29, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shipman in the Palm Room of Hotel del Coronado, California, at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 29, 1950.

Roll Call:

Present were President Kneeshaw, President-elect Cass, Speaker Alesen, Vice-Speaker Charnock, Councilors Ball, Crane, Henderson, Anderson, Ray, Montgomery, Lum, Pollock, Green, Shipman, Bailey, West, MacLean, Frees and Thompson, and Secretary-Treasurer Garland. Absent for cause: Editor Wilbur.

Present by invitation were Dr. Dwight H. Murray, legislative chairman; Dr. John W. Cline, A.M.A. Delegate; executive secretary Hunton, legal counsel Hassard, field secretary Clancy, county society executive secretaries Gillette of Fresno, Young of San Diego; Dr. R. O. Bullis, secretary of the Los Angeles County Medical Association; Mr. Brooks Crabtree, legal counsel for the San Diego County Medical Society; and Messrs. Clem Whitaker, Clem Whitaker, Jr., James Dorais and Ned Burman of public relations counsel.

1. Minutes for Approval:

(a) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 368th meeting of the Council, held March 19, 1950, were approved.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 220th meeting of the Executive Committee, held March 19, 1950, were approved.

2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of April 22, 1950, showing 9,914 dues-paid members, was received and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, one member whose 1949 and 1950 dues had been paid since the last Council meeting was voted reinstatement as an active member.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, 1,225 members whose 1950 dues had been received since April 1, 1950, were voted reinstatement as active members.

(d) On motions duly made and seconded in each instance, six applicants were elected as Associate members. These were:

Bruno Gerstl, Alameda County.

Wenonah King Thom, Butte-Glenn County.

Walter Rohlfing, Jr., Fresno County.

Mildred Van Cleve, Riverside County.

H. D. Rose, San Joaquin County.

Helen B. Hart, Santa Barbara County.

(e) On motions duly made and seconded in each instance, two applicants were elected to Life Membership. These were:

Jesse W. Citron, Alameda County.

H. B. Osborn, Ventura County.

(f) On motions duly made and seconded in each instance, five applicants were elected to Retired Membership. These were:

Richard E. Brenneman, Calvin B. Witter, Los Angeles County.

James A. Cutting, Santa Clara County.

J. B. Blackshaw, A. A. Thurlow, Sonoma County.

(g) On motions duly made and seconded in each instance, reductions in dues were granted to 14 members because of illness or postgraduate studies.

3. *Financial:*

(a) A report of bank balances as of April 22, 1950, was received and ordered filed.

(b) The executive secretary reported that New Mexico Physicians' Service had repaid an additional \$1,000 on its loan from the association and that further repayments had been promised on the basis of new sources of income developed by N.M.P.S.

(c) The executive secretary reported that \$1,833.82 of the \$10,000 total fund of the San Diego voluntary health insurance program had been returned as the unused balance of the fund. Of the amount returned, one-half was credited to the association and the other half to the other participating organizations.

4. *Auditing Committee:*

Chairman MacLean of the Auditing Committee read the report of the committee on its study of proposed public relations activities. The report recommended the establishment of a public relations department within the association and the discontinuance of the radio program in favor of alternate activities. On the basis of its recommendations the committee suggested that dues for 1951 be established at \$36 per active member.

Dr. John W. Cline and Mr. Clem Whitaker discussed these recommendations and there was general discussion.

It was moved and seconded that the report as a whole be tabled but that the major portions of it be considered individually. The motion did not come before the Council for a vote but an informal poll showed that (1) the radio program should be continued; (2) that dues be retained at \$45 and (3) that local public relations programs should be strengthened under association sponsorship. The Auditing Committee was requested to revise its report accordingly and report back to the next meeting.

5. *Legal Department:*

Mr. Hassard reported that a proposal had been made by certain hospital interests to institute court action to secure an interpretation of state laws relating to the qualifications for members of staffs of hospitals organized under the District Hospital Law. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the association not sponsor or advocate such proposed litigation.

6. *Award for Journalism:*

Dr. Ray reported that the Santa Clara County Medical Society had established an annual award for journalism for stories or series of stories in newspapers generally circulated in the Santa Clara County area which were adjudged beneficial to the public in matters of health or medical care. The recipient of the first annual award had been selected and Dr. Ray asked that the agenda of the House of Delegates be amended to permit the award to be made before that body. It was regularly moved, sec-

onded and voted to make this change in the agenda of the House of Delegates.

7. *1949 House of Delegates Resolution:*

Discussion was held on a resolution adopted by the 1949 House of Delegates on which inadvertently no action had been taken during the year. It was agreed to recommend to the 1950 House of Delegates that a committee be appointed to act during the coming year on possible administrative procedures in California Physicians' Service.

8. *San Diego County Disaster Fund:*

Dr. West asked authority for the San Diego Disaster Fund to solicit funds during the Annual Session for the benevolences administered by the organization. On motion regularly made and seconded, such authority was granted.

9. *Blood Bank Commission*

Dr. Richard O. Bullis, secretary of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, was asked about the attitude of the council of that association toward the proposed establishment of a revolving loan fund of \$150,000 to be used, with matching funds, for establishing blood banks in several areas of California. He reported that, for reasons of local policy, the county association was working toward an agreement with the American National Red Cross for a cooperative working agreement which would in no way conflict with the plans of the association's Blood Bank Commission. In regard to the proposed loan fund, he expressed his belief that the trustees of the Los Angeles County Medical Association would approve the establishment of such a fund and its use in inaugurating blood banks in the outlying areas of Los Angeles County. After discussion, it was agreed to add to the Council's report to the House of Delegates the proposal that such a fund be established.

Adjournment:

At this time, 11:50 a.m., the Council adjourned until 7:30 a.m., Sunday, April 30, 1950.

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370th Meeting

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 370th Meeting of the Council, Patio Dining Room, Hotel del Coronado, Sunday, April 30, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shipman at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, April 30, 1950, in the Patio Dining Room, Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, California.

Roll Call:

Present were President Kneeshaw, President-elect Cass, Speaker Alesen, Vice-speaker Charnock, Councilors Ball, Crane, Henderson, Anderson, Ray, Montgomery, Lum, Pollock, Green, Shipman, Bailey, West, MacLean, Frees and Thompson, and Secretary-Treasurer Garland. Absent for cause: Editor Wilbur.

Present by invitation were Dr. Dwight H. Mur-

ray, legislative chairman, executive secretary Hunton; field secretary Clancy, legal counsel Hassard, county society executive secretaries Gillette of Fresno, Tobitt of Orange, Young of San Diego, Wood of San Mateo, and Donovan of Santa Clara, and Messrs. Clem Whitaker, Clem Whitaker, Jr., James Dorais and Ned Burman of public relations counsel.

1. *Industrial Accident Medical Fees:*

Announcement was made of a meeting scheduled for noon, April 30, of the Committee on Industrial Accident Fees, at which time matters relating to industrial fees would be open for discussion.

2. *Auditing Committee Report—Budget for 1950-1951:*

Dr. MacLean, chairman of the Auditing Committee, read the revised report of the committee, which recommended a public relations budget item of \$150,000 for the 1950-1951 fiscal year and recommended dues for the 1951 calendar year at \$40 per active member. On motion duly made and seconded, the proposed budget and dues were approved by the Council for presentation to the House of Delegates.

3. *Legal Department:*

Mr. Hassard reported on new automobile emblems being sold by a California manufacturer and pointed out that such emblems were useful only in meeting one section of the motor vehicle laws and were not intended to replace standard emblems in use by physicians, particularly the emblem issued by the American Medical Association.

4. *Executive Session:*

At this point the Council went into executive session, rising therefrom prior to consideration of the next item of business.

5. *Organization Expense:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appropriate \$10,000 as additional funds to meet organization expenses in San Diego County.

6. *Proposed New County Society Charter:*

Dr. Lum reported that the Contra Costa County Medical Society wished to combine with the Alameda County Medical Association to form the Alameda-Contra Costa County Medical Association. This move has been approved by the councils of both county societies and by the membership of the Contra Costa Society by a vote of 90 to 14. The membership of the Alameda County Medical Association will be asked to approve the merger as a prerequisite to the issuance of a new charter.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Council recommend to the House of Delegates that a new charter for the combined societies be issued, provided the membership of the Alameda County Medical Association approves the merger and provided the charters of the two existing societies are surrendered to the Secretary of the C.M.A. for cancellation not later than November 1, 1950.

7. *Public Policy and Legislation:*

Dr. Murray discussed several items of legislation now before Congress and urged that all physicians take an active interest in the June primary elections. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to send a resolution of sympathy and best wishes to Mr. Ben Read, executive secretary of the Public Health League of California, currently recovering from surgery.

8. *Membership of Industrial Accident Fee Committee:*

A letter from an anesthesiologist, asking that a representative of that specialty be named to the Committee on Industrial Accident Fees, was read and discussed. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to maintain the present composition of this committee.

9. *Meeting Place for 1951:*

Discussion was held as to a meeting place for 1951 and invitations from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Long Beach and San Diego were presented. It was agreed to discuss this matter further at the meeting of May 1, 1950.

Adjournment:

At this point, the meeting was adjourned, to meet again at 7:30 a.m., Monday, May 1, 1950.

371st Meeting

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 371st Meeting of the Council, Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, Monday, May 1, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shipman at 7:30 a.m., Monday, May 1, 1950, in the Patio Dining Room of the Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, California.

Roll Call:

Present were President Kneeshaw, President-elect Cass, Speaker Alesen, Vice-Speaker Charnock, Councilors Ball, Crane, Henderson, Anderson, Ray, Montgomery, Lum, Pollock, Green, Shipman, Bailey, West, MacLean, Frees and Thompson, and Secretary-Treasurer Garland. Absent for cause: Editor Wilbur.

Present by invitation were Dr. Dwight H. Murray, legislative chairman; Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, State Director of Public Health; Dr. John W. Cline, A.M.A. Delegate; executive secretary Hunton, field secretary Clancy, legal counsel Hassard, county society executive secretaries Gillette of Fresno, Venable of Kern, Tobitt of Orange, Young of San Diego, Kihm of San Francisco, Wood of San Mateo and Donovan of Santa Clara; Messrs. Clem Whitaker, Clem Whitaker, Jr., James Dorais and Ned Burman of public relations counsel, and Drs. Frank A. MacDonald, Leopold Fraser, Elizabeth Mason-Hohl, Ralph B. Eusden, E. Vincent Askey, C. Kelly Canelo, Robertson Ward, L. Duke Mahannah, Eugene F. Hoffman and Frederic Ewens, all delegates or alternates to the American Medical Association.

1. *State Department of Public Health:*

Dr. Wilton L. Halverson, State Director of Public Health, reported that an advisory committee to his department's division of crippled children's services had been appointed and that this committee included Dr. Hartzell Ray as a representative of the Council. He also reported that a Committee on Morbidity Survey had met and urged that a careful study be made before any survey of morbidity be undertaken.

In response to a question by Dr. Robertson Ward, C.M.A. Delegate to the A.M.A. and chairman of the A.M.A. House of Delegates' Committee on Chronic Diseases, Dr. Halverson stated that he would forward to the Council the approximate cost of a survey of venereal disease which was undertaken in San Francisco in the last three months of 1949, such information to be directed to Dr. Ward.

2. *Los Angeles County Physicians' Aid Association:*

Dr. Elizabeth Mason-Hohl outlined for the Council the organization of the Los Angeles County Physicians' Aid Association, with which the association's Benevolence Committee has been cooperating for several years. She reported that the organization now owns 60 acres of land in the San Fernando Valley and another 35 acres in a desert location, on which it is proposed to build homes for the care of needy physicians or their families under a permanent benevolence program. She asked the continued cooperation of the association in this project.

3. *Legal Department:*

Mr. Hassard introduced to the Council Messrs. Brooks Crabtree and Gerald Driscoll, legal counsel for the San Diego County Medical Society.

4. *A.M.A. Delegates:*

Dr. E. Vincent Askey, chairman of the California delegation to the A.M.A., solicited instructions or suggestions for the delegation for the June 1950 A.M.A. meeting.

5. *Los Angeles Resolution on Fees:*

Dr. Ben Frees presented a resolution which was adopted by the Council of the Los Angeles County Medical Association earlier this year, relative to a clear understanding between physicians and patients as to fees to be charged. (This resolution is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.)

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Council make arrangements for publicizing this resolution.

Adjournment:

At this point, 8:45 a.m., the Council adjourned, to meet again at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 2, 1950.

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Addendum to Minute No. 5, 371st meeting of the Council, May 1, 1950:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The number of written complaints against members reaching the office of the associa-

tion has increased during the past year to alarming proportions, therefore constituting a most serious problem in public relations; and

WHEREAS, The handling of these complaints in an attempt to be fair to both complainant and member involved has become a task beyond the ability of committees to handle in fairness to all parties involved; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 85 per cent of the complaints, both regarding fees and professional conduct, indicate a lack of understanding on the part of the patient as to what fees might be expected or as to the services rendered by the doctor; and

WHEREAS, A most important step in grass roots public relations is to eliminate as much as possible complaints of all kinds against members: therefore, be it

Resolved: By the Council of the Los Angeles County Medical Association that all members be requested, before service is rendered to a patient, to inform that patient as accurately as possible, the cost of such service, whether it be medical care or surgery, and to inform the patient of fees other than the physician's fees (assistant surgeon, anesthetist, laboratory, hospital, etc.) to avoid any possible complaint relative to fees charged; and be it further

Resolved: That it be the sense of this Council that in a complaint against a doctor relating to fees, in which the doctor has not informed the patient of the fee involved for the service, that such doctor will appear in an unfavorable light when such complaint is studied by the committee handling such complaint; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be mailed to every member of the association; and be it further

Resolved: That steps be taken at once through widespread publicity and advertising, to inform the public that matters of fees for medical service should be arranged with the doctor before services are rendered.

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372nd Meeting

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 372nd Meeting of the Council, Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, Tuesday, May 2, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shipman at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 2, 1950, in the Patio Dining Room of Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, California.

Roll Call:

On roll call, all officers and Councilors and Secretary-Treasurer Garland were present. Absent for cause: Editor Wilbur.

Present by invitation were Dr. Dwight H. Murray, legislative chairman; legal counsel Hassard, field secretary Clancy, county society executive secretaries Waterson of Alameda, Gillette of Fresno, Wood of San Mateo and Young of San Diego; Ned Burman of public relations counsel; and Hon. Sam

L. Collins, Speaker of the Assembly of the California State Legislature.

1. *Public Policy and Legislation:*

The Chairman presented Hon. Sam L. Collins, Speaker of the Assembly of the California State Legislature, who spoke on the importance of every physician working for a full vote at the coming elections. Mr. Collins also urged consideration of the importance of the coming reapportionment of California's Congressional districts.

2. *Hospital Facilities:*

Discussion was held on the situation in one local community where the only hospital is owned and operated by an osteopathic physician and surgeon. President Kneeshaw emphasized his belief that while the ethical considerations were primarily for county society decision, an over-all association policy would constitute guidance which would be desirable in the interests of harmony and uniformity throughout the state. It was agreed to refer this matter to a special committee consisting of Drs. Pollock, Askey and Montgomery, with a request that the committee evolve a statement of policy which could be a state level guide to the component county societies.

3. *Thanks to Committees, Woman's Auxiliary, etc.:*

It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the Council extend a special vote of thanks to all committees for their work during the preceding year, to all committees connected with the annual session of the association, to the Woman's Auxiliary and to affiliated groups.

4. *Review of Procedures in C.M.A. Office:*

It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the Auditing Committee should request the new auditor to prepare an analysis of business methods and procedures in the association office and to offer suggestions for improvement in same, where and if necessary.

5. *Meeting Place for 1951:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to hold the 1951 Annual Session at the Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, at dates to be determined.

Adjournment:

At this point the Council adjourned, to meet again at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 3, 1950.

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373rd Meeting

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 373rd Meeting of the Council, Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, Wednesday, May 3, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shipman at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 3, 1950, in the Patio Dining Room of Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, California.

Roll Call:

Present were President Cass, President-elect MacLean, Speaker Alesen, Vice-Speaker Charnock, Councilors Ball, Crane, Henderson, Dau, Ray, Montgomery, Lum, Pollock, Green, Shipman, Bailey, West, Heron, Frees and Thompson, and Secretary-Treasurer Garland. Absent for cause: Editor Wilbur.

Present by invitation were Dr. Dwight H. Murray, legislative chairman; executive secretary Hutton, legal counsel Hassard, field secretary Clancy, county society executive secretaries Wood of San Mateo, Waterson of Alameda, Tobitt of Orange, Kihm of San Francisco, Donovan of Santa Clara: Messrs. Clem Whitaker, Jr., and Ned Burman of public relations counsel.

1. *Organization of Council*

Dr. Shipman acted as chairman, pending election of a chairman, and introduced Councilors Neil Dau of Fresno (succeeding Axel E. Anderson) and Ivan C. Heron of San Francisco (succeeding H. Gordon MacLean) to the Council.

Nominations were called for Chairman of the Council and on nominations duly made and seconded, Sidney J. Shipman was unanimously elected chairman.

On motion duly made and seconded, Donald D. Lum was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman of the Council.

On motion duly made and seconded, Dwight L. Wilbur was unanimously appointed Editor.

On nomination duly made and seconded, L. Henry Garland was unanimously appointed Secretary-Treasurer.

2. *Naming of Auditing Committee:*

The chairman, with the consent of the Council, appointed Drs. Donald D. Lum (chairman), M. Laurence Montgomery and Ivan C. Heron as members of the Auditing Committee.

3. *Felicitations to Florida State Medical Association:*

It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the Council send its congratulations to the Florida State Medical Association on the occasion of its successful campaign to elect a United States Senator whose views on health matters were in the interest of improved public health and better standards of medical care.

4. *Committee on Industrial Accident Fees:*

It was regular moved, seconded and voted to request Dr. E. Vincent Askey, chairman of the Committee on Industrial Accident Fees, to furnish the Council with quarterly progress reports which the Councilors might discuss with their respective county medical societies.

5. *Committee on Public Health and Public Agencies:*

Drs. Alesen (chairman), Thompson and West discussed several phases of the activities of the Committee on Public Health and Public Agencies.

Dr. Alesen reported on a meeting with officials of the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation of the State of California Department of Education, at which the procedures of the bureau had been reviewed. His committee has suggested to the bureau that an appraisal test of three questions on medical services be asked of all agencies referring applicants to the bureau. These questions would, in effect, be:

1. Is the (medical) service rendered one which the patient can reasonably secure elsewhere?
2. Is the individual required to make some effort to secure these services for himself?
3. Is a charge made for the services and, if so, is the charge in proportion to the service rendered?

Dr. Alesen expressed the belief that the application of such questions would eliminate in great part the criticism levelled at the bureau for providing physical examinations in advance of using a means test to determine eligibility of a candidate for medical services under the rehabilitation program.

Dr. Thompson reported on his attendance at a meeting of the hospital advisory committee of the State Department of Health and stated that efforts are being made in all parts of the state to qualify hospitals to receive state or federal funds now available for hospital construction. He urged that careful attention be paid to this statewide movement.

Dr. West reported that he had met on April 27 with a committee to consider a morbidity survey, the committee representing medical, hospital and other interests, and that the committee had discussed the questions of whether or not such a survey could be made and, if so, whether or not it could be effective.

Dr. West also stated that in his opinion it was still too early to make recommendations on the advisability of physicians accepting fees for services rendered in cases of poliomyelitis where the patient was receiving his care at the expense of a foundation and where no means test was applied in the selection of patients.

6. *Committee on Scientific Work:*

Dr. Garland, chairman of the Committee on Scientific Work, asked the approval of the Council on the suggestion that future annual sessions place more emphasis on large general scientific meetings and encourage a limitation of two meetings on the existing scientific sections. The Council approved this suggestion.

7. *Hospital Facilities:*

Dr. Pollock, chairman of the Council's committee on a local hospital situation, reported that the San Bernardino County Medical Society would review the situation in the light of present circumstances. (See Item 2, minutes of 372nd meeting.)

8. *House of Delegates Resolutions:*

(a) Resolution No. 8 of the 1950 House of Delegates, referring to approval of indemnification insurance, was discussed and it was regularly moved,

seconded and voted that this item be referred to the Committee on Medical Economics and the author be so notified.

(b) Resolution No. 16, referring to journal subscriptions for medical students, was, on motion duly made and seconded, deferred for further consideration until after the 1950 session of the American Medical Association (at which similar resolutions are due for presentation).

(c) It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that the chairman of the Council confer with the President of the Board of Trustees of California Physicians' Service relative to Resolution No. 10, dealing with a proposed combination of fee schedule committees.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer to the Committee on Associated Societies and Technical Groups for study, Resolution No. 19, referring to the practice of psychology.

9. *Time and Place of Next Meeting:*

It was agreed to hold the next meeting of the Council in San Francisco on a date to be selected by the chairman.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

374th Meeting

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 374th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, May 27, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shipman in Room 220 of the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, on Saturday, May 27, 1950, at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present were President Cass, President-elect MacLean, Speaker Alesen, Secretary-Treasurer Garland, Editor Wilbur and Councilors Ball, Crane, Dau, Ray, Lum, Pollock, Green, Shipman, Bailey, West, Heron, Frees and Thompson.

Absent for cause: Vice-Speaker Charnock, Councilors Henderson and Montgomery.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were: Executive Secretary Hunton, Assistant Executive Secretary Wheeler, Field Secretary Clancy, Legal Counsel Howard Hassard; county society executive secretaries Kihm of San Francisco, Tobitt of Orange, Wood of San Mateo, and Young of San Diego; Messrs. Clem Whitaker, Jr., James Dorais and Ned Burman of public relations counsel; Dr. C. A. Broadus, director of postgraduate activities; Dr. Robertson Ward, representing California Physicians' Service, and Dr. John R. Upton, chairman of the Blood Bank Commission.

1. *Minutes for Approval:*

(a) On motion regularly made and seconded, minutes of the 369th Council meeting, held April 29, 1950, were approved.

(b) On motion regularly made and seconded, minutes of the 370th Council meeting, held April 30, 1950, were approved.

(c) On motion regularly made and seconded, minutes of the 371st Council meeting, held May 1, 1950, were approved.

(d) On motion regularly made and seconded, minutes of the 372nd Council meeting, held May 2, 1950, were approved.

(e) On motion regularly made and seconded, minutes of the 373rd Council meeting, held May 3, 1950, were approved.

(f) On motion regularly made and seconded, minutes of the 221st Executive Committee meeting, held May 3, 1950, were approved.

2. *Membership:*

(a) A report of membership as of May 26, 1950, was received and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, Dr. Charles H. Bulson was elected to Life Membership.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, five applicants were elected to Associate Membership. These were: Wilbur Wood Westfall, Alameda County; Lee N. Clark, Fresno County; Clarice Haylett, Marin County; Herbert Bauer, Sacramento County; Esther L. Maurer, San Diego County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, five applicants were elected to Retired Membership. These were: Alameda County, George Willis Clarke, Ode Taswell Leftwich, and William B. MacCracken; David M. Christ, Los Angeles County; Dixi McLean Bingaman, Monterey County.

(e) On motion duly made and seconded, reductions of dues were granted to two applicants who are undergoing postgraduate training.

3. *Financial:*

(a) A report of bank balances as of May 26, 1950, was received and ordered filed.

(b) The Executive Secretary recommended that certain bank accounts be consolidated with other accounts as a means of eliminating unnecessary accounting procedures. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to recommend this procedure to the independent auditors.

4. *Advisory Planning Committee:*

Mr. Hunton reported that the Advisory Planning Committee had met the previous day and had elected him as chairman, Mr. Waterson of Alameda County as vice-chairman and Mr. Clancy as secretary. He reported the consensus of the committee on House of Delegates Resolutions Nos. 2 and 7: On No. 2 the committee recommended that the existing negotiating committee on industrial accident matters be given the responsibility of the resolution, and on No. 7 it recommended that the county society executive secretaries be used as the starting point to gather information on existing prepayment plans.

On recommendation of the committee, Messrs. Robert Wood, executive secretary of the San Mateo

County Medical Society, and William P. Wheeler of the C.M.A. staff were elected to the committee by the Council.

The committee recommended that the Council give serious consideration to the holding of a two-day interim sessions of the House of Delegates in the fall of the year.

The committee recommended that comment be deferred until further study is possible on the proposal of another state medical association for a health program on a national scale.

5. *House of Delegates Resolutions:*

(a) Resolution No. 2 of the 1950 House of Delegates was discussed and it was regularly moved, seconded and voted to refer this matter to the Committee on Industrial Accident Fees.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to request the executive secretaries of the county medical societies to refer to the office all material they could assemble on organizations writing prepayment medical care contracts in their respective areas.

6. *Executive Session:*

At this point the Council went into executive session, rising therefrom before proceeding to the next item of business.

7. *American Public Health Association:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to authorize Dr. Louis Regan to represent the Association at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association and to make suggestions for the arrangement of some of the contemplated programs of the meeting.

8. *Public Policy and Legislation:*

Mr. Clancy discussed the primary elections and urged that all members cast their ballots.

9. *Committee on Postgraduate Activities:*

Dr. Charles A. Broaddus, director of postgraduate activities, requested clarification of his authority, particularly in regard to using a symbol and a label on his correspondence, attending a national conference on postgraduate programs and coordinating the postgraduate program with the programs of other organizations.

On motions duly made and seconded, it was voted to permit the director of postgraduate activities to use a printed symbol for his correspondence, to use the standard letterhead for the committee's work, and to coordinate his activities with those of the Cancer Commission and other organizations which take training programs to the rural areas.

The Council disapproved the director's presence at the national conference and the suggestion of having commercial exhibits at the two-day postgraduate institutes being planned.

A proposal of the American Legion for a pediatric program was ordered referred to the Committee on Postgraduate Activities.

10. *California Physicians' Service:*

Dr. Robertson Ward, a Trustee of C.P.S., reported to the Council on the actions of the Board of Trustees on decisions taken by the Administrative Members at the 1950 Annual Session. Dr. Donald Cass, also a C.P.S. Trustee, reported that notice of intention to discontinue the present joint operations of C.P.S. and Hospital Service of Southern California as of December 1, 1950, had been given by Hospital Service of Southern California.

Discussion was held on the request of C.P.S. Trustees for an expression of opinion on the advisability of recognizing the services of chiropractors where such services were sought on the referral by a physician member of C.P.S. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to request the C.P.S. Board of Trustees to withhold such recognition.

On motion duly made and seconded, Dr. Russell G. Frey of Red Bluff was nominated as chairman of the C.P.S. Fee Schedule Committee and Dr. Fred Veitch of Riverside was nominated to membership on the committee, to succeed Dr. Harold M. F. Behneman, resigned.

11. *Blood Bank Commission:*

Dr. John R. Upton, chairman of the Blood Bank Commission, reported that seven blood banks of the community type are now in operation in California and that the Tri-County Blood Bank, located in Santa Barbara to serve Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura counties, will open in June.

Dr. Upton recommended that \$12,000 of the revolving loan fund be earmarked for San Diego, to be made available as soon as needed when and if the San Diego County Medical Society takes over the proprietorship of the blood bank now operating in San Diego as a joint venture of the City and County of San Diego, the Red Cross, the U. S. Navy and the county medical society. The Council of the San Diego County Medical Society has voted to take over this blood bank if certain conditions can be met.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to establish in accordance with the action of the House of Delegates, a blood bank loan fund of \$150,000, funds from which would be loaned for the establishment of community type blood banks under conditions to be drawn up by legal counsel in cooperation with the Blood Bank Commission and approved by the Executive Committee.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to empower the Executive Committee to authorize a special loan of as much as \$12,000 to the San Diego County Medical Society for establishment of a community type blood bank.

12. *Legal Department:*

Mr. Hassard reported on various legislative matters which appear in prospect for the 1951 legislative session. He also reported on a recent U. S. Supreme Court decision which held that a schedule of real estate commissions adopted by a local real estate board was a restraint of trade; this decision

is the first to hold that standard fees for personal services may be held in restraint of trade.

Discussion was held on the proposals of some organizations to request physicians to recognize as maximums a set of fees for various surgical procedures. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Association advise county medical societies not to participate in plans to abide by fee schedules devised by two or more competitive health insurers and that any tentative steps taken by their members in such matter be held in abeyance. It was agreed that a summary of the Supreme Court decision be made a part of this communication.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appropriate \$5,000 for the work of the committee on other professions, Dr. H. Gordon MacLean, chairman.

13. *Public Relations:*

Mr. Clem Whitaker, Jr., reported that his office had been working with the committee on medical students, interns and residents and that a new format had been chosen for the committee's publication *Future* so that the title would hereafter appear as *Future M.D.*

Mr. Whitaker requested approval of announcement to be made on the Association's radio program, relative to fees and the costs of medical and hospital care, and approval was granted.

Mr. Burman of Whitaker & Baxter reported that the drive to secure resolutions in opposition to compulsory health insurance was going well. He also reported that the radio program "California Caravan" was enjoying a new high listener rating.

14. *California State Board of Nurse Examiners:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to nominate Doctors R. Stanley Kneeshaw and Frank A. MacDonald for appointment to the advisory committee of the California State Board of Nurse Examiners.

15. *National Society for Medical Research:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer to the Executive Committee the request of the National Society for Medical Research for a contribution toward its work, with power to act.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to empower the Executive Committee to investigate the needs in Los Angeles County for research and teaching animals and to appropriate up to \$10,000 if the need for antivivisection counter-campaign funds is deemed imperative.

16. *Request of New Jersey Delegates to A.M.A.:*

Discussion was held on the request of the Medical Society of New Jersey for cosponsorship in the A.M.A. House of Delegates of a proposed national health plan. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to withhold comment on this proposal and to forward it to the California delegates to the A.M.A.

17. *Request for County Medical Society Charter:*

The Council considered a request that a new county medical society charter be recommended by the Council to the House of Delegates for Trinity County. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to deny this request on grounds of impracticability.

18. *Committee on Scientific Work:*

Dr. L. Henry Garland, chairman of the Committee on Scientific Work, presented a proposed schedule for the 1951 Annual Session, which would call for meetings of the House of Delegates at 1 p.m. on the first and third days of the meeting. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adopt the proposed schedule.

19. *House of Delegates:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to call a special meeting of the House of Delegates, to be held December 16 and 17, 1950, in a place to be determined by the Executive Committee. The specific purposes of the special meeting are to be designated at the next meeting of the Council.

20. *Past Presidents of Association:*

Discussion was held on a proposal that past presidents of the Association be invited to attend meetings of the Council. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted not to approve this suggestion. It was pointed out that a provision of the proposed Constitution now pending before the House of Delegates would grant the privileges of the floor of the House of Delegates to past presidents of the Association.

21. *Committee on Industrial Accident Fees:*

The chairman reported the resignation of Dr. E. Vincent Askey as chairman of the Committee on Industrial Accident Fees and it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that Dr. Francis J. Cox of San Francisco be named as chairman. It was also voted that Dr. Russell G. Frey of Red Bluff, chairman of the C.P.S. Fee Schedule Committee, be named an ex-officio member of this committee, in order to correlate the work of the two committees.

22. *Committee on Grievances:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to appoint Dr. Hans Hartman of Modesto as a member of the Grievance Committee.

23. *Committee on Advertising:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the resignation, with regret, of Dr. John W. Cline as a member and chairman of the Committee on Advertising and to appoint Dr. Walter Beckh as a chairman and Dr. Robertson Ward as a member of this committee.

24. *Resolution on World Government:*

A proposed resolution on world government was presented and considered. On resolution duly made

and seconded, it was voted to forward copies of this resolution to all members of the Council for their consideration at the next meeting.

25. *Agricultural Workers:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to request the State Director of Public Health to urge the Governor to appoint one or more physicians to the Governor's Committee to Survey the Agricultural Labor Resources of the San Joaquin Valley, in order that proper consideration might be assured for the medical aspects of the problem.

26. *Medical Society of the State of California:*

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to send a letter to the members of the Association, pointing out that the Medical Society of the State of California is not a part of the California Medical Association.

27. *Executive Session:*

At this point the Council went into executive session, rising therefrom before considering the next item.

28. *Qualification of Officers and Employees:*

The chairman stated that all officers and employees of the Association, with one exception, had qualified for office or employment under Section 9 of Chapter 6 of the by-laws, by subscribing to the oath or affirmation required therein. The chairman further stated that Dr. Garland, appointed by the Council at its organization meeting on May 3, 1950, to the office of Secretary-Treasurer, had declined to comply with the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 6 of the by-laws. Dr. Garland presented to the Council a written statement of his reasons for declining, and requested that his statement be inserted in full in the minutes. On motion duly seconded and carried, Dr. Garland's request was granted, and his statement appears as Appendix A to these minutes. The Council also agreed to the publication of such remarks as the Editor might wish to make relative to Chapter 6, Section 9, of the by-laws. These remarks appear as Appendix B to these minutes.

The chairman then stated that due to Dr. Garland's failure to qualify for the office of Secretary-Treasurer, said office is vacant, pursuant to ruling of the legal counsel that the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 6 of the by-laws are mandatory.

It was regularly moved, seconded and voted that a special vote of thanks be offered by the Council on behalf of all the membership to both the Secretary-Treasurer and the Editor for their four years of arduous work on behalf of the Association.

The Executive Committee was directed to select a nominee for the office of Secretary-Treasurer and report back to the Council at the earliest practicable date. The Executive Committee was also authorized to appoint a member of the Council as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, to serve as Secretary-

Treasurer pro tem until the appointment and qualification of a permanent Secretary-Treasurer.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

SIDNEY J. SHIPMAN, M.D.
Chairman

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Appendix "A"—Minutes of the 274th meeting of the Council—May 27, 1950.

Mr. Chairman and Members:

It is evident that you believe it is your duty to insist I take the "oath of office" recently voted at the Annual Session. May I be permitted to make the following observations?

The purposes of the C.M.A. as described in the constitution are "To promote the science and art of medicine, the protection of public health, and the betterment of the medical profession; to promote similar interests of its component county societies and to unite with similar organizations in the other states and territories of the U. S. to form the A.M.A." Active membership requires that the person shall hold the degree of "doctor of medicine issued by an institution of learning, accredited at the time of conferring such degree by the A.M.A. or the Association of American Medical Colleges."

The association is therefore essentially a group of professional persons devoted to improving the quality of public health and raising standards of the medical profession. It is non-sectarian, non-political and non-compulsory.

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The following is the wording of the oath of office as adopted by the House:

"All officers and employees of the Association, upon election or appointment, shall subscribe to an oath or affirmation as follows: 'I do not belong and have not belonged to any organization advocating the overthrow or change of the form of government of the U.S.A. by violent or unlawful means.' If, after full hearing, the Council shall find that an officer or employee falsely subscribed to the oath of affirmation, it may in its discretion remove the officer or employee from his office or position and fill the vacancy so created."

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My comments are nine:

1. The oath is designed to keep Communists out of our organization. Will it? Lenin wrote that "morality is entirely subordinate to the interests of the class war." When it will serve the Red cause, mendacity is not only permissible, it is a duty! The case histories of Alger Hiss, Whittaker Chambers and others suggest they would have been the first to subscribe to such a loyalty pledge.

2. The oath is essentially a *political test*. It sets a grave precedent. Will we be asked next year to swear we do not belong and never have belonged

to the Republican Party? Please remember, the Communist Party is still a legal political party in this country. Can we fight its ideas with affidavits?

3. The C.M.A. is a professional organization, non-political and non-compulsory. Indeed, two of its main planks are freedom of choice of physician and freedom of choice of voluntary health plan. It is against politically controlled, compulsory medical schemes. Yet it now proposes to enforce a politically designed, compulsory loyalty oath. Is this not an undignified paradox?

4. The oath is a sister effort of the new House of Delegates oath, which goes far beyond any question of loyalty: This "delegates' oath" involves past or present membership in *any organization merely held to be subversive by a U. S. Department of Justice* . . . not found or proven, mind you, but merely held by some person in Washington so to be. There are many distinguished physicians in the C.M.A. who have given donations to such organizations as Chinese War Relief, Spanish Wounded Veterans, Polish War Relief, etc. They are often listed as benefactors of humanitarian or welfare causes, both with and without permission. These organizations change directorship, and directions, from decade to decade. The web is indeed broad, and potential victims numerous.

5. The oath discriminates against those members who desire to work for their profession as employees or officers, but who also wish to maintain their constitutional freedoms—freedom of opinion and association.

6. It may be asked, will our patients also be required to take an oath? Remember the history of the Nazi oath—starting with loyalty to Germany and ending with an oath to Hitler. And Hitler too was an anti-Communist when it suited his purpose!

7. The oath of loyalty is or was most common in those countries where freedom is least: Witness Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy and Stalinist Russia. State or national medical organizations (to paraphrase President Conant) "are neither government bureaus nor private corporations. The criteria for joining a community (of professional persons) are not to be confused with the requirements of a Federal bureau."

8. The oath is degrading to the dignity of a profession which holds the public weal in greater esteem than does perhaps any other. Oaths do not fight the Kremlin; deeds, professional, scientific and organizational, do. The quality of our medical care in the U. S., our ability to mobilize for peace as well as for war is what counts. Let us not distract ourselves with undignified declarations; let us pursue deeds and tangible achievements.

9. Let us dismiss our officers, employees and delegates for true cause—incompetence, dishonesty, neglect of duty, physical or mental incapacity, conviction of moral turpitude—but not for upholding the Constitution of the United States!

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In summary, it seems to me that the oath is foreign to the professional purposes of the C.M.A.,

is of unproven value in accomplishing its aims, and negates the basis of American democracy—the ability to win against all other concepts in a free society. It looks like the beginning of political regimentation in the C.M.A. May I respectfully urge its suspension as of this date, and the introduction of a Council resolution for its repeal at the 1951 Session? Suspension might be extralegal—but so are many acts of statesmen in time of war, whether “cold” or otherwise.

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Finally, may I state that I personally do not belong and have not belonged to any organization advocating unlawful overthrow or change of our government, nor do I believe in the philosophy of Communism or Stalinism. I am for freedom and the democratic type of government. If the Council insists on this oath, I must in effect and with the deepest regret tender my resignation. If this is necessary, I must again thank the Council for the honor and privilege of serving the Association, a service which I have attempted to fulfill with the same diligence and sincerity as that with which I served the U.S.N.R. for some 15 years, including over three on active duty in World War II. This plea to reason, tolerance and justice is spoken on behalf of all the members of our Association.

L. H. GARLAND, M.D.

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Appendix “B”—Minutes of the 274th meeting of the Council—May 27, 1950.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council:

I have not taken the oath recently prescribed by the House of Delegates and wish to make the following statement.

Four years ago John Cline asked me if I would be willing to assume the duties of Editor of the then official journal, *California and Western Medicine*. I accepted because, while it involved a good deal of work, I felt the journal could be considerably improved to the benefit of the C.M.A., that as a member of the organization I was under obligation to do my part to further its work and most important, because it was my understanding that no unreasonable restrictions were placed on my conduct of the journal's affairs.

The most recent House of Delegates has placed a restriction on the Editor as an officer of the C.M.A., and it is, therefore, my personal duty to give careful consideration to the limitation which has been placed upon me. The resolution, No. 18, adding section 9 to Chapter VI of the by-laws of the association, requires that an oath or affirmation be subscribed to as follows: “Section 9—Oath of Office—All officers and employees of the Association, upon election or appointment, shall subscribe to an oath or affirmation as follows: ‘I do not belong and have not belonged to any organization advocating the overthrow or change of the form of government of the U. S. A. by violent or unlawful means nor do I believe in changing the form of government of the U. S. A. by violent or unlawful means.’ If, after

full hearing, the Council shall find that an officer or employee falsely subscribed to the oath or affirmation, it may in its discretion remove the officer or employee from his office or position and fill the vacancy so created.”

The obvious purpose of this oath is to prevent Communists from holding office in the C.M.A. I have no quarrel with the intent of the resolution and by-law for I have no more desire than does anyone else to be associated with or dominated by Communists. My own experience and that of others leads me to believe that such political oaths are entirely out of place in a non-political scientific organization and, therefore, wrong in principle. Furthermore, they are ineffective in operation and cause much unnecessary dissension and strife—which is exactly what Communists want. It plays directly into their hands.

Not only is such an oath wrong in principle in a non-political, non-sectarian and non-compulsory organization, but furthermore it carries the implication that for a loyal American an oath of allegiance to the United States and to its Constitution is not enough. Something more must be sworn to—that one is not a member of certain organizations and that for members of the House of Delegates one “. . . is not and has not been at any time a member of any organization listed, published or held to be subversive by the Department of Justice . . .”

These are steps towards limitation of freedom, imagination and initiative. It is not too much to suggest that such oaths may lead to other oaths which currently seem harmless, that one is not a Socialist, a Methodist, or a Republican. As John T. Flynn has so well pointed out in his book, “The Road Ahead,” a small group of Socialists in England in 1883 organized the Fabian Society which, while apparently innocent at the time, gradually swept forward. Winston Churchill has said that for a thousand years no alien has been able to invade the shores of England. Nonetheless, Karl Marx and his Socialists have done it. Consider the fate of “conquered” England today. Movements in many respects similar in other countries have led to several sorts of “isms” which we want no part of here.

Finally, such oaths are wrong in principle because they are in essence thought policing.

An anti-Red oath is totally ineffective in operation. Certainly it would stop no Communist. He would be the first to take it as experience elsewhere has already indicated. How many Communists have been turned over to the FBI or resigned from offices of authority anywhere because of such an oath?

In this country political oaths, other than of allegiance to the United States, and of a willingness to preserve, protect and defend its Constitution, are redundant. They are the cause of great dissension. Anyone desiring proof of this fact need only read the minutes of the Board of Regents of the University of California and the daily press during the past year. Does anyone gain by such dissension? Is any true purpose served? Only for those who desire dissension and strife.

I have had the privilege of serving my country on active duty in the Navy during World War II. I have also acted in various capacities for the Department of the Army, the Veterans Administration and the National Research Council. No other oath was required of me than that to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies. The state and city in which I live, the various other medical and lay organizations of which I am a member, the university of whose faculty I am a member, the hospital staffs to which I belong, my associates, my patients, my family and above all my conscience do not require me to take an anti-Red oath. Why, then, does the California Medical Association impose this restriction upon me? ~

Is any political oath really necessary for an officer of the California Medical Association? I do not believe it is. However, if the decision is made that it is necessary, let it be an oath that any American can be proud to take—that of allegiance to the United States and to protect, preserve and defend its Constitution. This oath has been good enough for every President of the United States, for every Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and of the United States, for every holder of high executive office in our Government, for every Senator and member of the House of Representatives, for every officer and enlisted man in our armed forces. It is an oath that everyone can understand, it is positive, not negative, and it is one that only a privileged small percentage of the people in the world can take.

If an anti-Red or political oath is required by the C.M.A., then let it be this oath. There has never been a better one.

. . . After considerable deliberation based in large part on the inability of the Council to alter the oath or the requirement of taking it because it is a by-law of the association, I have agreed to take the oath of office under protest and with the fervent hope that the House of Delegates at its next meeting will abolish this troublesome requirement for the reasons I have previously stated.

DWIGHT L. WILBUR, M.D.

Executive Committee Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 221st Meeting of the Executive Committee, Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, Wednesday, May 3, 1950.

The meeting was called to order by Council Chairman Shipman at 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, May 3, 1950, in the Patio Dining Room of Hotel del Coronado, Coronado, California.

Roll Call:

Present were President Cass, President-elect MacLean, Council Chairman Shipman, Speaker Alesen, Auditing Committee Chairman Lum, Secretary Garland. A quorum present and acting. Present by invitation were executive secretary Hunton and legal counsel Hassard.

1. Election of Chairman:

On nomination duly made and seconded. Dr. Donald D. Lum was elected chairman of the Executive Committee.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

In Memoriam

DUNNE, GERALD P. Died in San Bernardino. May 8, 1950, aged 62. Graduate of McGill University of Medicine, Montreal, 1924. Licensed in California in 1943. Dr. Dunne was a member of the San Bernardino County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



FOUNTAIN, EDWIN R. Died in Santa Ynez, May 12, 1950, aged 66, of a heart attack. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, Chicago, 1911. Licensed in California in 1914. Dr. Fountain was a member of the Merced County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



HARMON, GEORGE A. Died in San Francisco, April 13, 1950, aged 53, of a cerebral hemorrhage. Graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, 1927. Licensed in California in 1927. Dr. Harmon was a member of the Placer-Nevada-Sierra County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.



HART, WILLIAM E. Died in Long Beach, May 14, 1950, aged 79. Graduate of the University of Illinois College of Medicine, 1898. Licensed in California in 1924. Dr. Hart was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and the California Medical Association.



HAYHURST, JOSEPH O. Died in Los Angeles, April 29, 1950, aged 73, of coronary thrombosis. Graduate of Barnes Medical College, St. Louis, 1907. Licensed in California in 1939. Dr. Hayhurst was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and the California Medical Association.



HEULER, LEO. Died in Fellows, April 15, 1950, aged 60. Graduate of Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, 1913. Licensed in California in 1914. Dr. Heuler was a member of the Kern County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



WINDHOLZ, FRANK S. Died in San Francisco, April 29, 1950, aged 53, of high blood pressure. Graduate of Carl-Franzens Universität Medizinische Fakultät, Graz, 1922. Licensed in California in 1943. Dr. Windholz was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



WOOD, CLIFFORD H. Died in Glendora, March 30, 1950, aged 71. Graduate of the University of Southern California, School of Medicine, Los Angeles, 1905. Licensed in California in 1906. Dr. Wood was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, and the California Medical Association.